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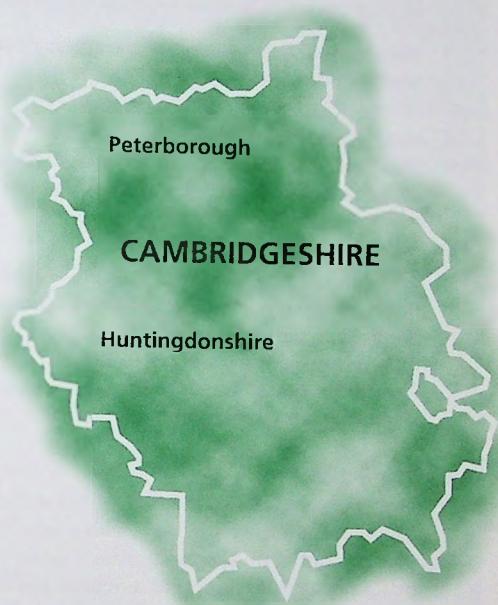
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CHAPTER 8



HUNTINGDONSHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Draft Recommendations

8.1 The Commission's report *Draft Recommendations on the Future Local Government of Huntingdonshire and Peterborough in the County of Cambridgeshire* summarised the evidence taken into account by the Commission in reaching its draft recommendations.

Figure 8.1

Draft Recommendations for Huntingdonshire and Peterborough in the County of Cambridgeshire

Structure

- The existing two-tier structure of local government in Peterborough should be replaced. Peterborough should become a unitary authority, responsible in its area for the broad range of local government functions carried out by both county and district councils.
- There should be no change to the existing two-tier structure of local government in Huntingdonshire.

Ceremonial Arrangements

- The County of Cambridgeshire should be retained for ceremonial and related purposes, and the City Council area of Peterborough should be associated with the county for such purposes.

Public Protection

- There should be a combined authority established in the present county area for the fire service, on which the representatives of the new unitary authority and the County Council should serve. Similarly, representatives of the new unitary authority should also serve on a joint committee with representatives of the County Council to select the local authority membership of the Cambridgeshire Police Authority. No changes are proposed to the area covered by the Cambridgeshire Police Authority, or to the probation and magistrates' courts services.

Strategic Planning

- For strategic planning, the new unitary authority of Peterborough should become the structure planning authority for its area, with a view to this function being exercised through joint arrangements with Cambridgeshire County Council so as to retain a single structure plan. The new authority should also be a mineral and waste planning authority with strategic minerals and waste policies being included in the joint structure plan. Peterborough should individually have responsibility for formulating detailed minerals and waste policies for its area in general conformity with the policy framework established by the structure plan, and it should be authorised to include such policies in its local plans. Responsibility for the local plans should rest with the new authority and it should also exercise development control functions in its area for all purposes.

Electoral Arrangements

- The Commission reaffirms its previous recommendation that:

'There should be a modification to the boundary between the districts of Peterborough and Huntingdonshire around the area of the proposed Southern Township development. The proposed Southern Township area plus adjacent parts of the parishes of Yaxley and Alwalton should be transferred from Huntingdonshire to form part of Peterborough. This area should form part of the Fletton ward and should cease to be parished. That part of Farceit village which is currently in Peterborough should be transferred to Huntingdonshire. This area should form part of the Farceit district ward, the Norman Cross county division and the parish area of Farceit. Part of the present parish of Orton Waterville in Peterborough should be transferred to Huntingdonshire. This area should form part of the Elton district ward, the Norman Cross county division and the parish area of Alwalton'.

- The Peterborough unitary authority should have a total of 54 members, with 18 three-member wards based on the existing county divisions within the city council area. Elections should be held by thirds.
- The continuing Cambridgeshire County Council should have 59 members with one councillor being returned for each of the 59 county divisions outside the proposed local government administrative area of Peterborough.

Views Expressed to the Commission

8.2 The Commission received a wide range of direct representations on its draft recommendations, from local authorities, residents, Members of Parliament, business and voluntary groups, parish and town councils, and from other public and private sector organisations. Just over 3,000 representations were received from individuals and organisations, including nearly 1,600 from respondents within the two review districts. The Commission also received over 1,400 representations in the form of standard letters, response slips and petitions (Figures 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4).

8.3 Cambridgeshire County Council also conducted a survey in Peterborough and commissioned the Electoral Reform Society to analyse the returns. The County Council

produced a leaflet setting out the options with its own commentary, together with a freepost questionnaire. It aimed to distribute the leaflet to all 64,000 households in Peterborough. Over 2,500 forms were returned (a 4.1 per cent response rate) representing the views of 4,103 people, of which 81 per cent supported no change.

8.4 A small number of representations addressed the Commission's draft recommendation in relation to the boundary between Peterborough and Huntingdonshire. Similarly, representations were received in relation to the draft recommendation for the electoral arrangements in Peterborough. These are also included in the tables and the larger petitions are referred to under "Local Groups". Figures 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 exclude representations from the local authorities; these are summarised separately (Figure 8.5).

*Figure 8.2
Views of Respondents Within Peterborough*

Preferred structure	Individuals	Organisations	Standard letters and petition signatures
Unitary Peterborough ¹	132	47	35
Unitary Huntingdonshire ²	2	0	0
No change in Peterborough	549	89	61
Other	14	9	356
No preference	50	9	0

Source: Local Government Commission for England and NOP

Note 1: Excludes four representations in support of an expanded unitary Peterborough, categorised under 'other', and includes two representations in favour of separate unitary authorities for both Huntingdonshire and Peterborough

Note 2: Includes two representations in favour of separate unitary authorities for both Huntingdonshire and Peterborough

*Figure 8.3
Views of Respondents Within Huntingdonshire*

Preferred structure	Individuals	Organisations	Standard letters and petition signatures
Unitary Huntingdonshire ¹	88	6	336
Unitary Peterborough ²	19	3	0
No change in Huntingdonshire	516	46	131
Other	11	0	49
No preference	13	1	0

Source: Local Government Commission for England and NOP

Note 1: Excludes one representation in support of an expanded unitary Peterborough, categorised under 'other', and includes five representations in favour of separate unitary authorities for both Huntingdonshire and Peterborough

Note 2: Includes six representations in favour of separate unitary authorities for both Huntingdonshire and Peterborough

*Figure 8.4
Views of Respondents From Outside The Review Districts¹*

Preferred structure	Individuals	Organisations	Standard letters and petition signatures
Unitary Huntingdonshire	0	0	0
Unitary Peterborough ²	11	2	0
No change	1,076	115	430
Other	33	5	19
No preference	64	10	0

Source: Local Government Commission for England and NOP

Note 1: Excludes out of county representations

Note 2: Excludes two representations in favour of an expanded unitary Peterborough, categorised under 'other'.

8.5 In addition, 96 representations were received from outside the county, of which just over three-quarters supported no change to the existing two-tier structure. A more detailed tabulation of the written representations from individuals and interest groups, produced by NOP on behalf of the Commission, can be found towards the end of this Chapter.

The Views of Local Authorities

8.6 The Commission received submissions from all seven of the principal local authorities in Cambridgeshire during Stage Three (Figure 8.5).

*Figure 8.5
Preferences of Cambridgeshire Local Authorities at Stage Three*

Authority	Preference
Cambridge City Council	Was content with a unitary authority for Peterborough and no change in Huntingdonshire but objected to the fact that some of the costs of change will fall on Cambridge residents. This was "...not acceptable to the City Council".
East Cambridgeshire District Council	Considered that if Peterborough is confirmed as a unitary authority, no proportion of the costs should be borne by residents of East Cambridgeshire. It would be seriously concerned if the Commission also recommended that Huntingdonshire should be unitary.
Fenland District Council	Opposed unitary authorities for Peterborough and/or Huntingdonshire. Considered transitional and ongoing costs should not be met by Fenland District's taxpayers.
Huntingdonshire District Council	Supported a unitary authority for Huntingdonshire. It put forward a number of pertinent factors to suggest that the balance of arguments should point to a unitary option. It felt that these factors together with evidence in its earlier submissions strongly underscored the distinctiveness of Huntingdonshire relative to the other districts in Cambridgeshire.
Peterborough City Council	Supported a unitary authority for Peterborough. Considered that it was distinctive from its county and capable of administering its own local government services effectively.
South Cambridgeshire District Council	Was content with the recommendation that Peterborough should become a unitary authority but would have very serious concerns should the Commission now propose a unitary authority for Huntingdonshire as well. Concerned about the impact on the remaining two-tier county and argued that costs arising from change should be borne by those authorities who stand to benefit from the change.
Cambridgeshire County Council	Supported no change in Peterborough and Huntingdonshire. Urged the Commission to reconsider the potential and the promise of a renewed two-tier structure throughout Cambridgeshire.

Source: Local authorities' submissions

8.7 The Cambridgeshire Branch of the Association of District Councils did not make representations; the Association of District Councils' national submission is referred to in the Summary of National Representations. The Association of County Councils supported the recommendation for the continuation of the two-tier structure in Huntingdonshire but rejected the recommendation for a unitary authority for Peterborough.

8.8 Peterborough City Council supported the Commission's draft recommendations for changes to its electoral arrangements, commenting that they would be "...the most appropriate short term arrangement". It also supported the Commission's draft recommendation for the proposed boundary change to accommodate the Southern Township within Peterborough. Huntingdonshire District Council considered that this area should only include "...that part of the Southern Township covered by approved planning permissions". Cambridgeshire County Council suggested that irrespective of the unitary/two-tier conclusions, such tightly drawn boundaries were unstable and did not provide good local government.

The Views of Others

8.9 A range of other interest groups made representations on the Commission's draft recommendations, as summarised in the following paragraphs. These are in addition to those made in Stage One.

Businesses and Business Groups

8.10 The Commission received submissions from the business community both from within each of the review districts and from the rest of the county. There were both supporters and opponents of the Commission's draft recommendations for Peterborough. In the case of Huntingdonshire there were few comments and little support for a change to a unitary structure for the district.

8.11 The Greater Peterborough Training and Enterprise Council continued to support unitary status for the northern part of the county, that is for the whole of Fenland and Peterborough together. In relation to a unitary authority for Peterborough alone, it saw advantages and disadvantages from the city's viewpoint. However, it remained concerned that this could have adverse effects on Fenland District which it

considered "...is so dependent on Peterborough economically" and that "...both Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council should be specifically charged to remove the possibility of marginalisation of Fenland". The Fens Business Enterprise Trust (FenBET) also expressed concern that a unitary authority for Peterborough "...will tend to weaken the residual parts of Cambridgeshire and in particular Fenland District". It "...wish[ed] to be assured that existing and future links between FenBET and Peterborough based organisations would be fully supported by the new authority".

8.12 The Eastern Region of the Confederation of British Industry did not support a unitary authority for the City of Peterborough. It considered that Peterborough's influence extended into adjacent counties and stated "Unitary status that failed to recognise such economic links would achieve nothing - other than extra expense". It also considered that unitary status in one part of the county and two-tier for the rest "...would be opening Pandora's box for years of uncertainty...". The Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which covers Peterborough, the Stamford area of South Lincolnshire and Fenland, stated that its preference was for a unitary Peterborough based on the area of the Greater Peterborough Training and Enterprise Council, while not commenting specifically on the draft recommendation.

8.13 A number of Peterborough-based business groups expressed support for a unitary authority for Peterborough. These included the Thomas Cook Group which stated that Peterborough had become a major city in its own right and "...the management of the city and its future is best controlled and dealt with by the change of status into that of a unitary authority". The East of England Agricultural Society welcomed the draft recommendation for a unitary Peterborough. It considered that it allowed "...a proper sense of ownership with the decision-making process". Furthermore they believed "...the dynamics of a city with development status surely requires a single-minded and dedicated approach if there is to be a totally successful outcome to its endeavours".

8.14 The Norwich and Peterborough Building Society considered that "For a conurbation of this size clear planning policies are essential and [that] these can be best achieved by granting unitary status" which the Society strongly supported. On the other hand, the Viscount Bus and Coach Company did not support unitary status for Peterborough or Huntingdonshire. It considered

“...the arguments in favour of a unitary Huntingdonshire too feeble to need any opposition from us”, and a unitary authority for Peterborough would “...be a change sharply for the worse...”

8.15 In relation to Huntingdonshire, the Cambridgeshire Training and Enterprise Council argued that there should be no change. It considered that it “...does not have the critical size necessary for a unitary authority”. It preferred to maintain the existing structure throughout the county. St Neots and District Chamber of Commerce confined its comments to Huntingdonshire, where it felt “...services are more effectively delivered to businesses and residents of St Neots and District by the current structure”.

County, Regional and National Interests (including the Voluntary Sector)

8.16 The Sports Council (Eastern Region) stated that “...it does not foresee any problems within Peterborough itself, should unitary status be confirmed”. It added, in relation to the draft recommendation, that “...as Huntingdonshire is not now being considered for unitary status, the delivery and co-ordination of sport at a county level is strengthened [relative to the position with two unitary authorities]”. UNISON (Eastern Region) stated that its “...concerns about the financing of change and the consequent effect on staff and services have led us to form the view that the present system should be retained”. Transport 2000 (Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk Branch) also opposed a unitary authority for Peterborough. If it was set up, it “...calls for a Passenger Transport Executive, with precepting powers to be set up, covering [at least] the whole of Cambridgeshire”. The Cambridgeshire Tenants and Small Farmers Committee of the National Farmers Union opposed the draft recommendation. It was concerned about the impact on the 50 tenants of the Cambridgeshire County Farms Estate which would be incorporated within the city area of Peterborough.

8.17 A number of organisations expressed concern for particular areas of service delivery. The County Planning Officers Society stated that: “We are very concerned that your proposals in respect of Cambridgeshire...would seriously undermine the effective operation of strategic planning, and indeed County Planning services more generally”, and asked the Commission to reconsider its proposals in the light of these concerns. The Council for the Protection of

Rural England (Cambridgeshire Branch) was primarily concerned with the preservation of the integrity and effectiveness of planning. It expressed doubt, “...about the practicality of purely voluntary joint arrangements...” for the preparation of a single Structure Plan. The Cambridgeshire Action with Communities in Rural England “...remains concerned that within a unitary Peterborough the rural areas will command a lower priority in terms of policies and service programmes”. The group pointed to parishes in Fenland and Huntingdonshire that have a service focus on Peterborough and was concerned that they would have “...a poorer quality service unless additional problems of the costs and practical delivery of those services is recognised”.

8.18 The Museums and Galleries Commission recommended that Peterborough should remain in membership of the Cambridgeshire Museums Advisory Committee, and have the resources to maintain present levels of service. The Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England questioned whether the size of the proposed new authority for Peterborough would be sufficient to maintain a cost-effective conservation service. On the other hand the Social Services Inspectorate expressed the view that “Peterborough would be a viable unitary authority as would the remaining Cambridgeshire”.

Education Groups

8.19 There was widespread support for no change throughout the county from education groups. Among these were the Cambridgeshire Teachers’ Consultative Committee, the Cambridgeshire Local Education Authority Secondary Heads, the Cambridgeshire Special School Heads Association and the Cambridgeshire Federation of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. All expressed their concern over the transitional and ongoing costs of change, and did not want to break up the existing educational system.

8.20 The Peterborough Regional College, an incorporated organisation and the largest provider of further and higher education in the north of the county, supported a unitary authority for Peterborough stating that: “...almost all of our decisions are based upon the needs identified within Peterborough and its immediate environs”. Consequently they welcomed the opportunity to have a more focused administration and decision making authority with which to work.

Health Interests

8.21 There was support generally for a unitary Peterborough among those in the health care sector. The North West Anglia Health Commission supported a unitary authority for the City of Peterborough including the Southern Township. It believed that it would bring "...significant benefits for the residents of Peterborough..." including "...even stronger partnership working between health and local government at both the strategic and multi-agency community development levels". However, it did have major concerns about the implications for Fenland and additionally proposed that the unitary authority should cover Fenland as well. It believed it probable that Fenland's "...isolation will be exacerbated with a two-tier county based in Cambridge". Peterborough Hospitals NHS Trust continued to favour a unitary authority for Peterborough. It stated that "Against a background of rising demand for joint planning across the health, social care, housing and transport boundaries this can only help". North West Anglia Healthcare Trust also considered "...the excellent relationships which currently exist between the Trust and Peterborough City Council should be considerably strengthened..." and expressed strong support for unitary status for Peterborough.

8.22 Hinchingbrooke Healthcare NHS Trust covering most of Huntingdonshire, reiterated its support for a unitary Huntingdonshire. However, the Papworth Hospital Trust preferred no change, on efficiency and financial grounds. It urged the Commission to retain the present structure in Huntingdonshire.

Law, Order and Emergency Services

8.23 Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service considered that, from a fire service perspective, the "...creation of a unitary Peterborough (or Huntingdonshire) would hold no operational advantages and would undermine effective decision making and control". Cambridgeshire Police Authority also supported no change, considering effective policing would be more difficult. It considered that the "...funding for multi-agency initiatives...could be squeezed..." and that electors in the unitary authority would have a greater say in the make-up of the Police Authority than those in the two-tier areas.

8.24 The Cambridgeshire Probation Service was "pleased" with the recommendation for no change in Huntingdonshire but disappointed that the

Commission was "...recommending the creation of a unitary authority in the Peterborough area". It considered this would "...require more joint negotiations and arrangements which will result in increased costs and potential less effectiveness".

Local Groups

8.25 The majority of local groups in Peterborough that submitted representations supported a unitary authority for Peterborough. For example, the Peterborough and District Citizens' Advice Bureau considered that "Unitary status is likely to provide a good base for future development of the bureau". The Peterborough Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Association considered that "...unitary status is essential for the future growth and prosperity of Peterborough, its businesses, ...and all its citizens". There was also support from organisations representing minority ethnic groups including the Pakistan Community Association of Peterborough, the Bharat Hindu Samaj (Hindu Community Centre), the Marcus Garvey International Community Association & the Caribbean Golden Age Association. In addition, Peterborough and Fenland MIND also expressed support for a unitary Peterborough believing "...it would be able to make its voice heard more effectively with a Peterborough authority than as at present with a Cambridge based/centred county council". The Peterborough Council for Voluntary Service stated that it "...welcomes any proposal that brings local government into more direct, accountable and flexible partnership with local people" but raised a number of factors that needed to be considered. These included concerns as to whether the authority would have sufficient resources.

8.26 Huntingdon Area Victim Support said that it was "...very pleased that the Commission recommended that Cambridgeshire County Council and Huntingdonshire District Council should be retained" and Huntingdon Charter 88 Group considered that it would not in the best interest of the people of that area to form a new council. In the rest of Cambridgeshire, nearly all the representations supported no change throughout the county.

8.27 The Commission also received a petition of 56 signatures from residents of Farcey village currently in Peterborough. The petition opposed the transfer of part of Farcey village to Huntingdonshire. Councillor Miners, a ward councillor for Dogsthorpe, also wrote in opposing the division of the local Dogsthorpe community between the proposed Dogsthorpe and

Peterborough North wards, and arguing that the Dogsthorpe Ward should continue to cover the existing city ward of Dogsthorpe to retain local community identity. The Commission had previously received a 300 signature petition from residents in the Dogsthorpe area, expressing the same views, which was resubmitted.

Parliamentary Interests

8.28 The Commission heard further from Dr Brian Mawhinney, MP for Peterborough, and from three other Members of Parliament. Dr Mawhinney reiterated his wish for unitary status for Peterborough. However, he stated that he found the proposals for electoral arrangements unacceptable, and considered there to be a major democratic deficit in his constituency that needed to be addressed. He considered that ward boundaries needed to be addressed to enhance the fairness of the system.

8.29 Mr William Powell, MP for Corby, whose constituency shares a boundary with Peterborough and Huntingdonshire, expressed support for the draft recommendation for Peterborough. Mr James Paice, MP for South East Cambridgeshire, stated that "Whilst not objecting in principle to Peterborough becoming a unitary authority ...the Commission should ensure that the costs of that change should be borne by the Peterborough taxpayers rather than the rest of Cambridgeshire..." Mr Malcolm Moss, MP for North East Cambridgeshire, stated that his preference was to retain the two-tier structure. He said that "...allowing Peterborough to become a separate entity will further isolate the Fens area, yield a much lower expenditure base for the remaining county council and undo a lot of the very useful work that has been done..." .

Parish And Town Councils

8.30 The Commission received 79 submissions from parish and town councils in Cambridgeshire, with 53 supporting the continuation of the current structure of local government throughout the county. In Huntingdonshire, a clear majority of parish and town councils continued to favour no change. However, within Peterborough, of the 11 parish and town councils who responded individually, seven supported the unitary authority proposed for Peterborough.

8.31 The Chairmen of sixteen of the 28 parishes in Peterborough also made a joint submission with the Mayor of Peterborough to advise "...of the very considerable progress that has been made...to establish the basis for a constructive and fruitful

relationship between the proposed... [authority]...and the local councils operating within its boundaries". The parishes laid out six major issues on which agreement had been reached with the existing City Council.

8.32 The Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils Executive Committee stated that it strongly supported the draft recommendation for no change in Huntingdonshire and for the replacement of the two-tier structure in Peterborough. However, it felt as a condition of its unitary status Peterborough should be required to assist in the new arrangements for county services to neighbouring districts, to minimise disruption and concerns of local councils particularly in Fenland and Huntingdonshire.

8.33 Yaxley Parish Council expressed the wish that the transfer of land to Peterborough be restricted to the bare minimum necessary for the development of the Southern Township. Northborough Parish Council stated that the area to be represented by a councillor for Northborough was geographically large and this would make representation difficult.

NOP Tabulations of Written Representations

1 The following tabulations summarise the views expressed by members of the public and other interested parties during the consultation on the Local Government Commission's draft recommendations for Huntingdonshire and Peterborough.

2 The tabulations include only letters sent directly to NOP at its Chelmsford offices and to the Commission's offices in London. Where more than one person's view has been expressed in a letter, the comments from each individual have been recorded separately. Staff from the Commission and NOP have worked closely in ensuring that care has been taken in the interpretation of comments, and that a consistent approach has been adopted.

3 While many people expressed support for one or other of the draft options presented by the Commission, other responses were coded by NOP after further discussion. The pattern of

views expressed has been carefully examined, and where a number of respondents supported an option not included in those put forward by the Commission, those views have been separately coded and reported by NOP.

4 The Commission has advertised through the local media, encouraging people to make their views known. All responses received up to two days after the end of the Stage Three consultation period have been included. Returns from campaigns organised by local authorities or other groups (for example, standardised postcards and letters, questionnaires and petitions) have not been included in the tabulations. These, and submissions written and dated before the commencement of the consultation process, have been considered separately by the Commission.

The following definitions have been applied by NOP in compiling the tabulations:

(i) Type of Respondent

Individuals:

includes individual members of the public, local councillors and Members of the Westminster and European Parliaments.

Businesses and Business Groups:

includes organisations which represent businesses, such as local Chambers of Commerce.

County, Regional and National Interests:

any organisation which covers an area which is the size of a county or larger is included here, for example, a county-wide voluntary organisation or a regional association. This classification includes most of the statutory consultees.

Education (and Church) Groups:

this group includes schools, religious organisations and teaching unions.

Local Groups:

this includes organisations smaller than a county area, for example, a district-level voluntary sector body. The group could be voluntary, sporting, political or cultural but does not include organisations from the education or religious sectors (included above). It also includes constituency parties and political groups on local authorities.

Parish and Town Councils:

this also includes district-level associations of town and parish councils. County level associations are classified as County, Regional and National interests.

(ii) Structural Options (Reports A and D)

No change in own district:

this code is used where there is more than one review district in the county. It indicates where respondents from a review district have expressed support for no change for that district and have not made reference to the other review district(s) in that county.

District/county-level authorities:

represents support for either a district or county-level authority although it is not clear whether this is for a unitary or a two-tier structure.

Opposition to structural preferences:

represents responses where a negative, but unspecified, structural preference has been expressed.

Rejects:

rejects are those responses with unclear comments/interpretation.

(iii) Other

Other issues (Report B):

these illustrate preferences in relation to boundary and electoral changes and (where applicable) the restoration of historic counties.

Parishing issues (Report C):

these illustrate preferences in relation to parishing issues, for example, the creation of new parishes or the enhancement of the role of parish and town councils.

Services (Report E):

these illustrate concerns expressed about the impact of proposed changes on particular service areas where the respondent has not additionally expressed a positive structural preference.

NOP Analysis of Responses to Local Government Commission Draft Recommendations - CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Report A: Opinions on the structural options, by authority of respondent

Base: all

	Review districts			Other districts in county				Rest of county total	County total	Out of county total
	Huntingdonshire	Peterborough	Cambridge	East Cambridgeshire	Fenland	South Cambridgeshire				
No change	438 63%	246 27%	277 92%	207 88%	258 88%	449 92%	1191 91%	1875 64%	75 78%	
Unitary Peterborough	3 *	175 19%	-	-	6 2%	2	8 1%	186 6%	10 10%	
Unitary Huntingdonshire	89 13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	89 3%	-	-
Two UAs for Peterborough & Huntingdonshire	5 1%	2 *	-	-	-	-	-	7 *	-	-
Unitary Peterborough/two-tier rest (LGC proposal)	14 2%	2 *	1 *	1 *	-	3 1%	5 *	21 1%	2 2%	
Unitary expanded Peterborough	1 *	4 *	-	1 *	1 *	-	2 *	7 *	-	-
No change in own district	124 18%	392 44%	-	-	-	-	-	516 18%	-	-
County-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	2 *	6 1%	2 1%	4 2%	4 1%	2 *	12 1%	20 1%	1 1%	
District-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	2 *	3 *	-	-	1 *	-	1 *	6 *	-	-
Pre-1974 structure	1 *	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 *	-	-
County-wide unitary structure	-	-	-	-	1 *	-	1 *	1 *	1 1%	
Opposition to structural options (where no positive preference is stated)	2 *	1 *	2 1%	3 1%	3 1%	8 2%	16 1%	19 1%	-	-
Other specified	3 *	9 1%	2 1%	-	-	4 1%	6 *	18 1%	-	-
No preference expressed/option defined	14 2%	59 7%	16 5%	18 8%	18 6%	22 4%	74 6%	147 5%	7 7%	
BASE TOTAL	698	899	300	234	292	490	1316	2913	96	

* Less than 1%.

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Report B: Opinions on other issues, by authority of respondent

Base: all

	Review districts		Other districts in county						Rest of county total	County total	Out of county total
	Huntingdonshire	Peterborough	Cambridge	East Cambridgeshire	Fenland	South Cambridgeshire					
Electoral issues	-	6 1%	-	-	2 1%	-	-	2	*	8	1 1%
Don't transfer us to Peterborough	4 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Concern over costs (no preference expressed)	1 *	9 1%	3 1%	13 6%	3 1%	8 2%	-	27 2%	37 1%	37	2 2%
Don't transfer us to Huntingdonshire	1 *	12 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
BASE TOTAL	698	899	300	234	292	490	1316	1316	2913	96	

The figures in the table above do not sum to the base total/100% because undefined fields are not included, except as part of the base total.

* Less than 1/2%

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Report C: Opinions on parishing issues, by authority of respondent

Base: all

	Review districts		Other districts in county						Rest of county total	County total	Out of county total
	Huntingdonshire	Peterborough	Cambridge	East Cambridgeshire	Fenland	South Cambridgeshire					
Enhanced parish powers	-	2 *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1 1%
BASE TOTAL	698	899	300	234	292	490	1316	1316	2913	96	

The figures in the table above do not sum to the base total/100% because undefined fields are not included, except as part of the base total.

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Report D1: Opinions on the structural options, by respondent type (all respondents)
Base: all

	Respondent Type					
	Individuals	Business groups	County, regional & national interests	Education (& church) groups	Local groups	Parish and town councils
No change	1737 66%	25 32%	17 50%	95 74%	23 43%	53 68%
Unitary Peterborough	142 5%	20 26%	5 15%	1 1%	19 35%	9 12%
Unitary Huntingdonshire	85 3%	-	-	-	-	4 5%
Two UAs for Peterborough & Huntingdonshire	5 *	1 1%	-	-	-	1 1%
Unitary Peterborough/two-tier rest (LGC proposal)	21 1%	-	2 6%	-	-	-
Unitary expanded Peterborough	3 *	2 3%	-	-	1 2%	1 1%
No change in own district	459 17%	22 29%	1 3%	24 19%	4 7%	6 8%
County-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	18 1%	-	-	2 2%	1 2%	-
District-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	5 *	1 1%	-	-	-	-
Pre-1974 structure	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
County-wide unitary structure	1 *	1 1%	-	-	-	-
Opposition to structural options (where no positive preference is stated)	19 1%	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified	11 *	3 4%	1 3%	-	2 4%	1 1%
No preference expressed/option defined	130 5%	2 3%	8 24%	7 5%	4 7%	3 4%
BASE TOTAL	2637	77	34	129	54	78

* Less than 1/2%

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Report D2: Opinions on the structural options, by respondent type
Base: respondents in Huntingdonshire only

	Respondent Type					
	Individuals	Business groups	County, regional & national interests	Education (& church) groups	Local groups	Parish and town councils
No change	403 63%	1 33%	1 50%	21 84%	3 50%	9 50%
Unitary Peterborough	2 *	-	-	-	-	1 6%
Unitary Huntingdonshire	85 13%	-	-	-	-	4 22%
Two UAs for Peterborough & Huntingdonshire	3 *	1 33%	-	-	-	1 6%
Unitary Peterborough/two-tier rest (LGC proposal)	14 2%	-	-	-	-	-
Unitary expanded Peterborough	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
No change in own district	113 18%	1 33%	1 50%	3 12%	3 50%	3 17%
County-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	2 *	-	-	-	-	-
District-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	2 *	-	-	-	-	-
Pre-1974 structure	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
Opposition to structural options (where no positive preference is stated)	2 *	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified	3 *	-	-	-	-	-
No preference expressed/option defined	13 2%	-	-	-	1 4%	-
BASE TOTAL	644	3	2	25	6	18

* Less than 1/2%

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Report D3: Opinions on the structural options, by respondent type

Base: respondents in Peterborough only

	Respondent Type					
	Individuals	Business groups	County, regional & national interests	Education (& church) groups	Local groups	Parish and town councils
No change	203 27%	14 25%	3 30%	21 44%	5 18%	-
Unitary Peterborough	128 17%	17 30%	4 40%	1 2%	18 64%	7 64%
Two UAs for Peterborough & Huntingdonshire	2 *	-	-	-	-	-
Unitary Peterborough/two-tier rest (LGC proposal)	2 *	-	-	-	-	-
Unitary expanded Peterborough	-	2 4%	-	-	1 4%	1 9%
No change in own district	346 46%	21 37%	-	21 44%	1 4%	3 27%
County-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	5 1%	-	-	-	1 4%	-
District-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	3 *	-	-	-	-	-
Opposition to structural options (where no positive preference is stated)	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified	5 1%	2 4%	1 10%	-	1 4%	-
No preference expressed/option defined	50 7%	1 2%	2 20%	5 10%	1 4%	-
BASE TOTAL	745	57	10	48	28	11

* Less than 1/2%

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Report D4: Opinions on the structural options, by respondent type

Base: respondents in rest of county only

	Respondent Type					
	Individuals	Business groups	County, regional & national interests	Education (& church) groups	Local groups	Parish and town councils
No change	1076 91%	4 57%	7 70%	51 96%	12 75%	41 89%
Unitary Peterborough	7 1%	-	-	-	-	1 2%
Unitary Peterborough/two-tier rest (LGC proposal)	4 *	-	-	1 10%	-	-
Unitary expanded Peterborough	2 *	-	-	-	-	-
County-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	11 1%	-	-	-	1 2%	-
District-level authority (either two-tier or unitary)	-	-	1 14%	-	-	-
County-wide unitary structure	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
Opposition to structural options (where no positive preference is stated)	16 1%	-	-	-	-	-
Other specified	3 *	1 14%	-	-	-	1 2%
No preference expressed/option defined	64 5%	1 14%	2 20%	1 2%	3 19%	3 7%
BASE TOTAL	1184	7	10	53	16	46

* Less than 1/2%

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Report E: Views on services, by authority of respondent

Base: all

	Review districts		Other districts in county					Rest of county total	County total	Out of county total	
	Huntingdonshire	Peterborough	Cambridge	East Cambridgeshire	Fenland	South Cambridgeshire					
Archives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1%
Education	15 2%	33 4%	9 3%	6 .3%	14 5%	17 .3%	46 .3%	94 3%	94 3%	-	-
Other specified services (or multiples of)	-	1 *	3 1%	-	-	-	-	3 *	4 *	2 2%	-
BASE TOTAL	698	899	300	234	292	490	1316	2913	2913	96	-

The figures in the table above do not sum to the base total/100% because undefined fields are not included, except as part of the base total.

* Less than 1/2%

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Report F: Views on services, by respondent type

Base: all

	Respondent Type					
	Indiv- iduals	Business groups	County, regional & national interests	Education (& church) groups	Local groups	Parish and town councils
Archives	-	-	1 3%	-	-	-
Education	86 3%	-	-	8 6%	-	-
Other specified services (or multiples of)	-	1 1%	5 15%	-	-	-
BASE TOTAL	2637	77	34	129	54	78

The figures in the table above do not sum to the base total/100% because undefined fields are not included, except as part of the base total.

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Report G: Type of respondent, by authority of respondent

Base: all

	Review districts			Other districts in county				Rest of county total	County total	Out of county total
	Huntingdonshire	Peterborough	Cambridge	East Cambridgeshire	Fenland	South Cambridgeshire				
Individuals	644 92%	745 83%	275 92%	213 91%	261 89%	435 89%	1184 90%	2573 88%	64 67%	
Business groups	3 *	57 6%	2 1%	-	4 1%	1 *	7 1%	67 2%	10 10%	
County, regional and national interests	2 *	10 1%	6 2%	-	-	4 1%	10 1%	22 1%	12 13%	
Education (and church) groups	25 4%	48 5%	9 3%	9 4%	16 5%	19 4%	53 4%	126 4%	3 3%	
Local Groups	6 1%	28 3%	8 3%	2 1%	4 1%	2 *	16 1%	50 2%	4 4%	
Parish and town councils	18 3%	11 1%	-	10 4%	7 2%	29 6%	46 3%	75 3%	3 3%	
BASE TOTAL.	698	899	300	234	292	490	1316	2913	96	

* Less than 1/2%

MORI Research Study for the Local Government Commission

Introduction

Background

1 This summary report highlights the key findings from a survey of public opinion conducted in the district of Huntingdonshire, the City of Peterborough and across the County of Cambridgeshire on behalf of the Local Government Commission for England. A copy of each of the marked-up questionnaires is appended. The computer tabulations are contained in a separate volume, which is available from MORI (32 Old Queen Street, London SW1H 9HP. Telephone 0171-222 0232. Price £15.)

2 The survey was designed in close consultation with the Commission, following extensive qualitative research and pilot testing. All sampling, interviewing and analysis have been carried out independently by MORI, within the guidelines of the profession laid out by the Market Research Society.

3 In Peterborough, all Census Enumeration Districts (EDs) were sorted by ward, and stratified according to social class. EDs were then sampled (32 in total) in proportion to the population size of each, and quotas set for sex, age and work status. A total of 311 interviews with adults aged 18+, conducted face-to-face and in-home, were carried out between 1 October and 2 November 1995. Data were weighted to match the population profile in the City. The same procedure was followed in Huntingdonshire, where 317 interviews were conducted.

4 In the remaining districts of Cambridgeshire, all EDs were sorted into wards, and again stratified according to social class. A total of 32 EDs across the whole area (that is, Cambridgeshire excluding Huntingdonshire and Peterborough) were sampled, with quotas set by sex, age and work status. Face-to-face interviews, conducted in-home, were carried out with 309 adults aged 18+ between 1 October and 2 November 1995. Data were weighted to match the population profile of the County excluding Peterborough and Huntingdonshire.

Publication of the Results

5 As with all our studies, these findings are subject to our Standard Terms and Conditions of Contract. Any press release or publication of the findings of this survey require the advance approval of MORI. Such approval will only be refused on the grounds of inaccuracy or misinterpretation.

Objectives

6 This survey took place during Stage Three, the consultation period on the Commission's draft recommendations. It measures public preferences for the organisation of local government in the area currently comprising the City of Peterborough and the district of Huntingdonshire, as well as exploring strength of feeling, levels of knowledge about the review, involvement in, and broader perceptions of, local government in the area.

Statistical Reliability of the Data

7 Because we have interviewed a sample of residents, rather than the whole population, the results are subject to statistical tolerance limits, or "margins of error". These are expressed as our confidence that the true figure for the whole population falls within a given range. By convention this is expressed as a percentage, so our 95% confidence level means that in 95 times out of 100 the true figure would lie within this range.

8 The table below shows ranges of the 95% confidence level for a range of sample sizes. For each sample size, the table shows the tolerance limits for sample results close to 10%, 30% and 50%. Take, for example, the results of a survey of 300 residents showing that 50% are aware of the review. In 95 times out of 100 the true figure would lie between 44% and 56% (ie between 50% \pm 6%).

Sample size	Sampling tolerances applicable to results at or near these percentages (based on 95% confidence level)		
	10/90% \pm %	30/70% \pm %	50% \pm %
300	3	5	6
200	4	6	7
150	5	7	8
100	6	9	10
50	8	13	14

9 Clearly, 10% or 30% of the sample being aware of the review equate to 90% or 70% not being aware of it. So this table shows the ranges of 95% confidence for responses close to 10%, 30%, 50%, 70% and 90% of our sample. The figures for responses between can be obtained by extrapolation.

10 The true figure would only be known if all the residents of the area had been interviewed. It can be seen in the table, however, that large increases in the sample size do not greatly reduce the sampling tolerance. In addition, the true figure is more likely to lie at the midpoint of the range, rather than at either extreme.

11 When comparing results from separate groups within a sample we need to be sure that the differences are statistically significant. This would be important in comparing views expressed by different parts of a county. The table below shows how the statistical significance of the difference is determined by the size of the groups and the percentage result from the sample.

12 Assuming a 95% confidence level, the table shows the size of the differences required if different results are to be regarded as statistically significant. It can be seen that if 50% of a group of 300 were aware of the review, the result from another group of 300 would not become statistically significant until it became less than 42% or more than 58%.

Sample sizes	Differences required for significance at or near these percentage levels		
	10/90% \pm	30/70% \pm	50% \pm
300 and 300	5	7	8
300 and 200	5	8	9
300 and 100	7	10	11
200 and 100	7	11	12
100 and 100	8	13	14

Survey Findings

Knowledge and Awareness

13 Residents within Peterborough and Huntingdonshire profess broadly similar levels of knowledge and interest in local government to those living in the rest of the County of Cambridgeshire. In both, a clear majority like to know what their council is doing, but want no greater involvement. Around one in five in all three areas say they want a higher level of involvement.

14 While between two and four in ten in Peterborough, Huntingdonshire and the rest of the County say they know at least a fair amount about what their council does, between six and seven in ten admit to not knowing very much.

15 This is reflected in the number of residents who incorrectly ascribe services between the two tiers of local government. Thus, although up to half recognise libraries as a county council service, as many as two to three in ten allocate responsibility to their district/borough/city council. And although majorities realise that refuse collection is a district/borough/city service, between one and two in ten thinks it is a county council service.

16 Awareness of the review itself is slightly higher in Huntingdonshire (where 75% have heard of it) than in Peterborough and the rest of the Cambridgeshire (where 57% and 62% respectively have heard of it). The proportions who say they know a fair amount or more are slightly higher in Huntingdonshire and Peterborough than in the rest of the County - 14% and 13% respectively, compared to 8% in the rest of Cambridgeshire.

Sources of Information

17 Local newspapers are the most common source of information about the review, by a considerable margin. Of those who have at least heard of the review, just under half in Cambridgeshire, around six in ten in Huntingdonshire and around seven in ten in Peterborough name the local press as a recent source. Between two-thirds (in Huntingdonshire and the rest of Cambridgeshire) and three-quarters (in Peterborough) cite some media source as a recent source of information on the review.

18 It would appear that the County has been fairly active in providing information to residents in Huntingdonshire - while 42% name a County Council source in Huntingdonshire, just 28% do so in the rest of Cambridgeshire and only 22% in Peterborough. By comparison, 24% in Peterborough mention a City Council source, compared to 16% in Huntingdonshire mentioning the district, and six per cent in the rest of Cambridgeshire. Very few recognise receiving information directly from the Local Government Commission itself. Although most of those aware of the review recognise one or more recent sources of information, few (between two and three in ten) say that this has influenced their opinion.

19 Furthermore, in spite of a relatively low level of knowledge and engagement with their local authority, most people in Peterborough say that the outcome of the review in the City is either very important to them (24%) or fairly important (43%). People in Huntingdonshire tend to share this view (19% very important and 46% fairly important). As one might expect, people in the rest of Cambridgeshire perceive a lower level of importance (12% very important and 30% fairly important).

The Preferred Option

20 People in Peterborough are equally divided over whether they would prefer a unitary authority to no change (40% select each). In Huntingdonshire, there is a slim balance in favour of no change (47%) rather than a unitary authority (40%). The balance of opinion in the rest of Cambridgeshire is towards retaining two-tier local authorities for both Peterborough and Huntingdonshire. Around three in ten would prefer unitary authorities for each of Peterborough and Huntingdonshire, while over four in ten opt for no change.

21 People in Peterborough and Huntingdonshire feel more strongly about the preference they express than do those living elsewhere in the County. In Peterborough, 72% of those expressing a preference say they feel strongly (including 22% very strongly). Similarly, in Huntingdonshire, 69%, say they feel strongly (including 22% very strongly). In contrast, across the rest of Cambridgeshire, 55% feel strongly (including 14% very strongly). There is little difference in the strength of feeling expressed in Peterborough or Huntingdonshire, irrespective of

which option is preferred. In the rest of the County, those preferring no change are most likely to feel strongly.

Factors in Expressing a Preference

22 In questions 13 to 23, residents were asked to say to what extent they agreed or disagreed with a range of statements which related to a change to unitary local government. The statements were designed to cover the main issues raised by residents during the qualitative phase of research, and others that formed a part of the Commission's brief to take into consideration in making its recommendations.

23 The following charts summarise the results from these questions, with the full question wording presented in the questionnaires in the appendices. Values have been ascribed to the five attitudinal positions that people were offered (+2 for strongly agree, +1 for tend to agree, 0 for neither agree nor disagree, -1 for tend to disagree, and -2 for strongly disagree) and mean scores calculated across all respondents expressing a view. This has the combined benefit of distilling the range of opinion into one summary figure, while incorporating the varying intensity of feeling by ascribing values. Bars to the right indicate that the mean score value is positive, and thus that there is a balance of agreement with the statement. Bars to the left, conversely, indicate a balance of disagreement.

24 The chart opposite, therefore, shows how the views of people living in Peterborough and Huntingdonshire differ from those across the rest of Cambridgeshire and between one another. In doing so, it illustrates the attitudes or perceptions that are, in relative terms, shared by different groups of residents (where the bars project in the same direction), and those where views differ markedly. Thus there is broad agreement on the positive aspects of change, although the balance of opinion is more marked among residents in Peterborough and Huntingdonshire, as one might expect. There is even broad agreement that a County Council is needed for national representation, that services would suffer (on both of these, however, opinion is more marked among residents in the rest of Cambridgeshire) and that a unitary Peterborough or Huntingdonshire would be too small to manage services like education and social services. On the other hand, there is some divergence when it comes to whether change would be too disruptive

or cost more. There is also divergence on whether people feel that they will be affected by change. People in Peterborough and Huntingdonshire are most likely to want more information.

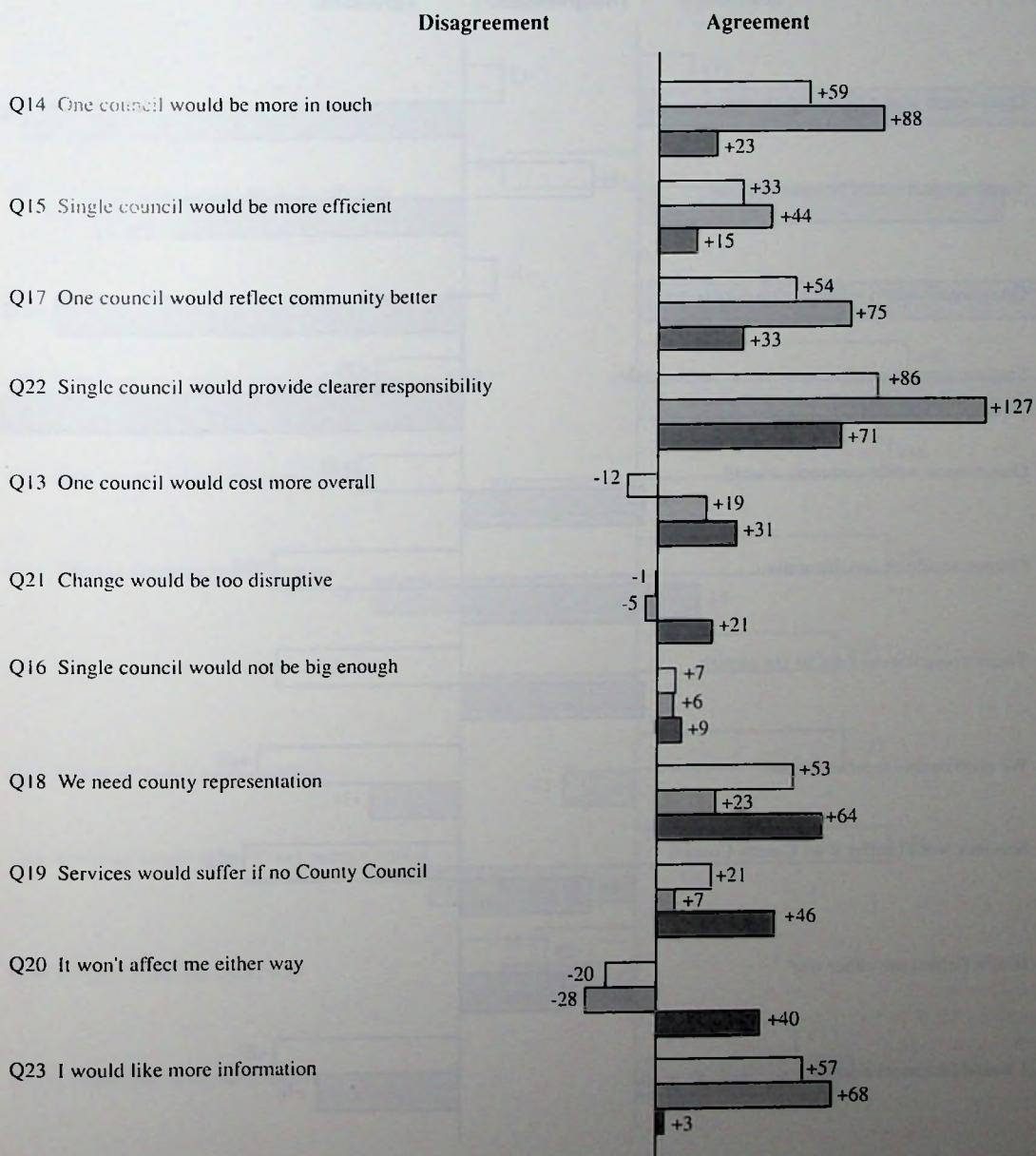
25 The subsequent chart takes the results separately from Huntingdonshire, Peterborough and the rest of Cambridgeshire, and illustrates the difference in views between those within each area whose preference is for unitary status, and those who prefer no change. The chart therefore illustrates those attitudinal statements that most, or least, differentiate residents expressing two opposing preferences. The perceived impact on efficiency is clearly a key determinant of opinion across the County, as are reflecting community identity, size, cost, disruption and impact on services.

Attitudes to Change (All respondents)

Q To what extent do you agree or disagree that...?

(Figures represent 'mean scores' with *strong agreement* given a value of +2 through to *strong disagreement* given -2)

- Huntingdonshire
- Peterborough
- Rest of Cambridgeshire

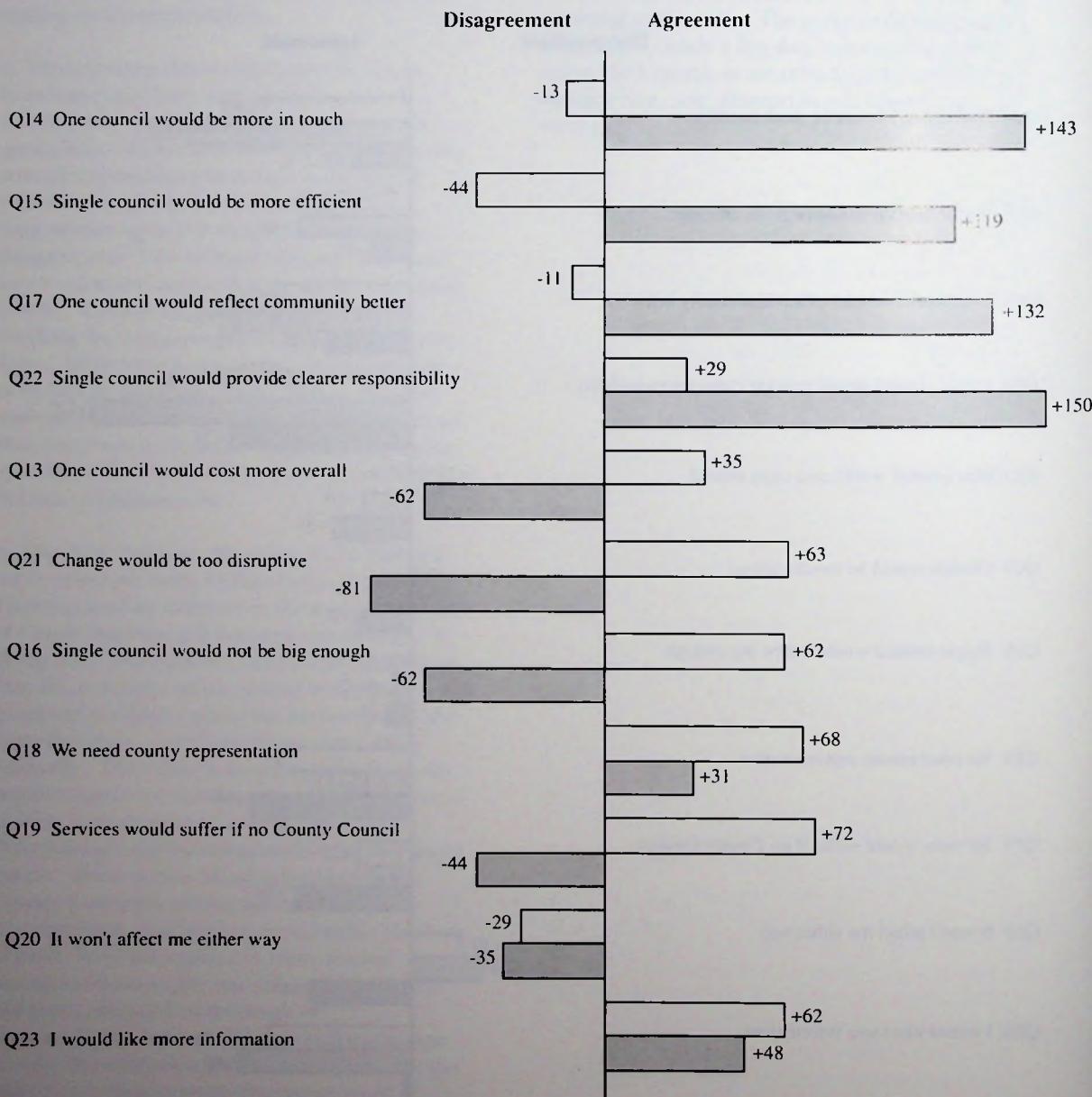


Attitudes to Change (Respondents in Huntingdonshire)

Q To what extent do you agree or disagree that...?

(Figures represent 'mean scores' with *strong agreement* given a value of +2 through to *strong disagreement* given -2)

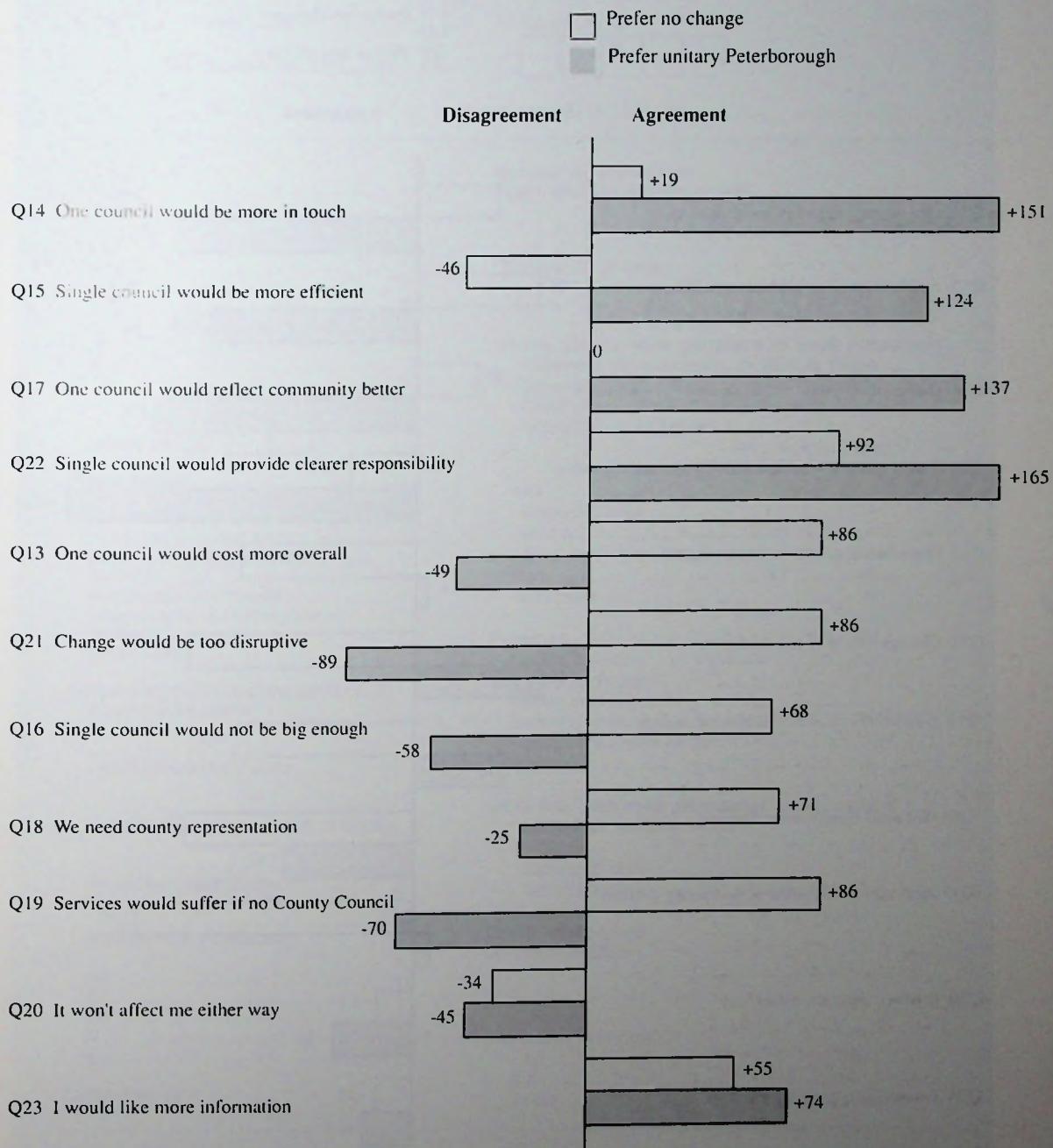
Prefer no change
 Prefer unitary Huntingdonshire



Attitudes to Change (Respondents in Peterborough)

Q To what extent do you agree or disagree that...?

(Figures represent 'mean scores' with *strong agreement* given a value of +2 through to *strong disagreement* given -2)

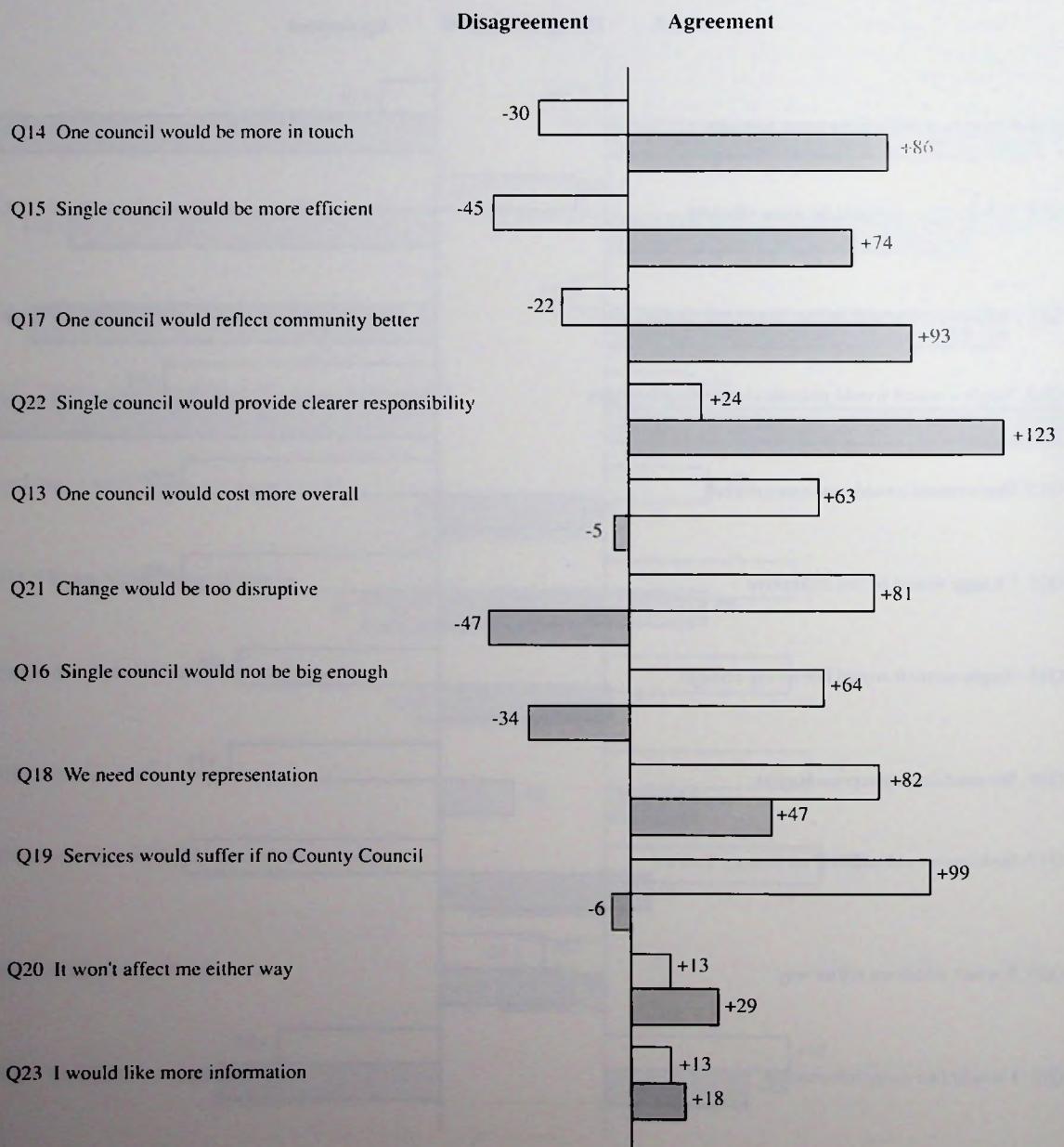


Attitudes to Change (Respondents in the rest of Cambridgeshire)

Q To what extent do you agree or disagree that...?

(Figures represent 'mean scores' with *strong agreement* given a value of +2 through to *strong disagreement* given -2)

- Prefer no change
- Prefer any unitary



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(1-6)CAMBRIDGESHIRE
REVIEW - REST OF COUNTYSerial No
OUO (7-10)

Name/Initials/Title

Address

Telephone: Yes 1 (11)

Postcode.....

Number (inc STD code)

Sample Point

No 2 (12) (13) (14) (15) (16)

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Gender %
Male 49
Female 51Number in Household
Adults aged 18+ (inc. respondent)

1 2 3 4 5+ 21

Age %
18-24 13
25-34 20
35-44 20
45-54 14
55-64 10
65-74 13
75+ 10

Children (17 or under)

0 1 2 3 4+ 22

WRITE IN AGE

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Work Status %
Full-time (30 hrs/wk+) 49
Part-time (8-29 hrs/wk) 8
Not working (under 8 hrs) 2
Looking after home/children 6
Retired 25
Registered unemployed 4
Unemployed but not registered *
Student 4
Other 2Occupation of Chief Income Earner (CIE)
Position/rank/grade

Industry/type of company

Qualifications/degrees/apprenticeship

No of Staff Responsible for

PROBE FOR PENSION %

AB 19
C1 24
C2 21
D 16
E 21

* Less than 1/2%

QA Are you or other members of your household
employed by a council? IF YES: Is this a
Borough/District Council or a County Council?
CODE FOR BOTH RESPONDENT AND OTHER
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

	Respondent	Other
	%	%
Yes:		
Borough/District	•	-
County	3	4
Don't know which	-	*
No	97	86
Don't know	*	10

	%
Owned outright	25
Buying on mortgage	42
Rented from Council	18
Rented from Housing Association	2
Rented from private landlord	9
Other	4

QB Is this your main permanent home, or is it a
second or holiday home?

	%
Main/permanent	99
Second/holiday	1

Car in Household
CIRCLE NUMBER

0 1 2 3+

Showcard Version

	%
A-K	1
A1-K1	2

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INTERVIEWER DECLARATION: I confirm that I have conducted this interview face-to-face with the above named person and that I have asked all the relevant questions fully and recorded the answers in conformance with the survey specification and the MRS Code of Conduct.

Interviewer Name Signature

Interviewer Number				/
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Month Date

DATE OF INTERVIEW				
	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)

NB INTERVIEWER: ALL SHOWCARDS HAVE BEEN REVERSED. PLEASE BE CAREFUL TO CODE THE CORRECT RESPONSE.

29/32

Good morning/afternoon/evening. I'm from MORI, the market research and polling organisation. We are doing a survey about local issues, and I would like to ask you a few questions.

ASK ALL

Q1 Firstly, how long have you lived in this area? (WITHIN FIVE MILES)

	%
Less than 1 year	6
1-2 years	5
3-5 years	10
6-10 years	15
11-20 years	17
Over 20 years/all my life	47
Don't know/can't remember	-

Q2 SHOWCARD A (R) From this card, how much would you say you know about local councils and the services they provide?

	%
A great deal	3
A fair amount	34
Not very much	53
Nothing at all	9
Don't know	1

Q3 SHOWCARD B (R) Which of the statements on this card comes closest to your own view of the Councils in this area?

	%
A) I'm not interested in what the Council does, or whether they do their job	1
B) I'm not interested in what the Council does, as long as they do their job	14
C) I like to know what the Council is doing, but I'm happy to let them get on with their job	59
D) I would like to have more of a say in what the Council does and the services it provides	22
E) I already work for, or am involved with the Council and the services it provides	2
Don't know	2

Q4 From what you know, how many councils provide the main services in this neighbourhood? (INTERVIEWER - NOT INCLUDING PARISH COUNCILS)

	%
One	24
Two	33
Three+	5
Don't know	37

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In fact there are two main councils that provide, or are responsible for, most services in this area: . . . district/borough/city and Cambridgeshire County Council.

ROTATE ORDER OF Q5/6

- Q5 SHOWCARD C (R) From this list, what services do you think are the responsibility of... district/borough/city council? Just read out the letter(s) that apply
- Q6 SHOWCARD C AGAIN (R) And which services on this list do you think are the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council? Again, just read out the letters that apply.
- Q7 SHOWCARD D (R) Which, if any, of these services do you or members of your family use? INCLUDE ONLY LOCAL USE

	Q5 "Borough" %	Q6 County %	Q7 Use %
A Bus Services	31.....	26.....	45.....
B Car Parks	46.....	20.....	61.....
C Council Housing.....	48.....	21.....	18.....
D Council Tax Benefit/Housing benefit	43.....	28.....	30.....
E Fire service	25.....	44.....	39.....
F Food safety	26.....	28.....	19.....
G Household waste sites/dumps	44.....	25.....	55.....
H Libraries.....	29.....	40.....	60.....
I Parks, playgrounds and open spaces	48.....	25.....	59.....
J Planning service.....	41.....	30.....	18.....
K Public conveniences	45.....	21.....	45.....
L Recycling/bottle banks	45.....	17.....	59.....
M Refuse collection	55.....	20.....	90.....
N Road maintenance	28.....	48.....	50.....
O Schools/education.....	20.....	55.....	40.....
P Social services	25.....	43.....	16.....
Q Street sweeping.....	51.....	17.....	42.....
R Swimming pools/sports facilities	40.....	26.....	53.....
Other (WRITE IN AND CODE "7").....	1.....	1.....	1.....
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None of these	1.....	1.....	1.....
Don't know.....	25.....	26.....	1.....

- Q8 SHOWCARD E (R) As you may know, there is currently a review being undertaken by the Local Government Commission on the future local government structure in the county. How much, if anything, would you say you know about this?

	%
A great deal.....	2.....
A fair amount	6.....
Just a little	35.....
Heard of but know nothing about	19.....
Never heard of.....	37.....

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PREFERENCES

HAND OVER MAP SHOWING AREAS UNDER REVIEW AND "CURRENT SERVICES" CARD
The Local Government Commission is considering options for the future structure
of local government in parts of Cambridgeshire. Could you please read through
this card, (SHOW OPTIONS CARD) which outlines the options.

Q9 Please tell me which of the options, if either, you would prefer for each of
Peterborough and Huntingdonshire?

CODE ONE ONLY FOR EACH DISTRICT %

For Peterborough

Option A (single all purpose council)	30
Option B (stay the same/status quo)	42
Some other option.....	1

Neither of these.....	*
Either of these/don't mind	4
Don't care	6
Don't know	16

For Huntingdonshire

Option A (stay the same/status quo)	45
Option B (single all purpose council)	27
Some other option.....	1

Neither of these.....	*
Either of these/don't mind	4
Don't care	6
Don't know	18

ASK IF "OTHER" NAMED AT Q9 (CODE 3)

Q10 What other option is that?

PROBE FULLY - DO NOT PROMPT.

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ASK ALL PREFERRING AN OPTION (1, 2 OR 3 AT Q9). OTHERS GO TO Q13
SHOWCARD F (R) You say that the option you would prefer is (INSERT
OPTION PREFERRED). How strongly would you say you feel about this?

Very strongly.....	14
Fairly strongly	41
Not very strongly	32
Not at all strongly	7
Don't know	5

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- Q12 What do you think would be the main advantages of . . . (OPTION PREFERRED)
PROBE FULLY FOR DETAILS

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Nothing.....
Don't know/can't think of anything.....

ATTITUDES TO PROPOSALS

SHOWCARD G (R) Imagine that there was one council in any or both of Peterborough and Huntingdonshire, providing all services. I am going to read out some statements that people have made about this proposal. To what extent do you agree or disagree that . . . ? READ OUT, ROTATE ORDER OF ASKING Q13-22. TICK START

	Strongly agree %	Tend to agree %	Neither/ Nor %	Tend to disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Don't know %
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READ OUT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Q13	It would cost more overall	15	24	12	21	5	22
Q14	It would be more in touch with local people's needs	12	36	7	20	11	14
Q15	The single Council would be more efficient than the current system of two Councils	12	26	15	16	11	19
<input type="checkbox"/> Q16	The single council would not be big enough to manage services such as Education and Social Services effectively	13	22	10	24	8	22
Q17	It would better reflect the sense of community in those areas	11	39	10	17	8	15
Q18	We need a County Council to represent us nationally	19	38	12	14	3	14
<input type="checkbox"/> Q19	Services would suffer if the County Council no longer provides services in those areas	18	29	13	18	5	17
Q20	It won't affect me whether there is a single Council in those areas or not	21	33	9	22	8	8
Q21	The change to a single Council for those areas would be too disruptive	14	25	14	25	5	17
<input type="checkbox"/> Q22	With a single Council it would be clearer who is responsible for local services	25	37	9	12	6	11

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ASK LAST

**Q23 I would like to have more information
on the proposals before
making up my mind 19 26 11 19 22 4**

**Q24 On balance, which would you say is more in touch with local people and
issues, (ROTATE ORDER OF "DISTRICT" AND COUNTY)
(INSERT NAME OF "DISTRICT COUNCIL)..district/borough/city council, or
Cambridgeshire County Council, or would you say that they are both about
the same?**

	%
District/borough/city council	44
Cambridgeshire County Council	9
Both about the same	32
Don't know	15

**REFER BACK TO Q8, ASK ALL WHO HAVE HEARD OF REVIEW AT Q8 (IE CODES
1/2/3/4). OTHERS TO Q28**

**Q25 SHOWCARD H Earlier in the interview, you said that you had heard of the
Review of local government structure. From which, if any, of the sources
shown on this card have you recently heard about the Review? INTERVIEWER
NOTE: "RECENTLY" = IN PAST 3 MONTHS**

	%
A Leaflet from County Council delivered to your door.....	18
B Leaflet from County Council in library/ offices, etc.....	2
C Advertisement from County Council in local newspaper.....	6
D Advertisement from County Council on local radio/TV ...	4
E Leaflet from Borough Council delivered to your door.....	1
F Leaflet from Borough Council in library/ offices, etc.....	*
G Borough Council newspaper	2
H County Council newspaper	1
I Advertisement from Borough Council in local newspaper	*
J Advertisement from Borough Council on local radio/TV	2
K Advertisement by the Commission on local radio	1
L Local Government Commission advertisement in local newspaper	3
M Local newspaper	45
N National newspaper	6
O TV	22
P Local radio.....	17
Q National radio.....	4
R Friends/neighbours/family	10
S Conversation with Borough Councillor	*
T Conversation with County Councillor.....	*
U Conversation with Borough Council staff.....	1
V Conversation with County Council staff	1
W Parish/community council.....	2
X Residents' Association.....	2
Other	12
None of these	4
Don't know	4

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ASK ALL NAMING A SOURCE AT Q25. OTHERS GO TO Q28
Q26 Would you say that the information you have received has influenced your opinion, or not?

Base: 168	%
Yes.....	21
No	71
Don't know	7

Q27 What information in particular has influenced your opinion?

.....

ASK ALL
Q28 SHOWCARD I (R) Assuming you receive the same level of services, how important is it to you, if at all, what the final decision is on the future local government structure in the areas under review? %

Very important.....	12
Fairly important	30
Not very important	37
Not at all important	14
Don't know	8

ACTIVISM

Q29 SHOWCARD J Which of the things on this list, if any, have you done in the last three years? Just read out the letter(s) that apply.

	%
A Voted in Local Council elections.....	73
B Spoken or written to a local Councillor	29
C Responded to the earlier Review of local government ...	7
D Been to a meeting of a local committee or organisation (WRITE IN NAME OF ORGANISATION)...	13
E Spoken on a radio phone-in about a local issue	1
F Written to a local newspaper about a local issue	6
G Been to a meeting of a local branch of a political party	4
H Written to your MP about a local issue	12
I Been to a Council Committee meeting	2
J Been to a Council meeting	4
K Attended a public meeting run by the Council	10
None of these	22
Don't know/refused	1

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Q30 SHOWCARD K Which, if any, of these apply to you? Just read out the letter(s) that apply.

I am a member of a:		%
A	Residents' Association	4
B	Community Association.....	1
C	Tenants' Association.....	1
D	Neighbourhood Watch	22
E	PTA/school governors	6
I do unpaid work for:		
F	A school.....	4
G	Citizens Advice Bureau.....	1
H	Volunteer Bureau.....	3
I	Scouts/Guides/Cubs/Brownies	2
J	Church group.....	7
	Other.....	4
	None of these	60
	Don't know.....	2

THANK RESPONDENT. GO TO DEMOGRAPHICS.

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MORI/9101/01
(1-6)CAMBRIDGESHIRE
REVIEW: HuntingdonshireSerial No
OUO (7-10)

Name/Initials/Title

Address

Telephone: Yes 1 (11)

Postcode.....

Number (inc STD code)

Sample Point

No 2 (12) (13) (14) (15) (16)

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Gender	%
Male	49
Female	51

Number in Household
Adults aged 18+ (inc. respondent)

1 2 3 4 5+

Age	%
18-24	14
25-34	22
35-44	21
45-54	16
55-64	14
65-74	8
75+	5

Children (17 or under)

0 1 2 3 4+

WRITE IN AGE

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Work Status	%
Full-time (30 hrs/wk+)	54
Part-time (8-29 hrs/wk)	10
Not working (under 8 hrs)	1
Looking after home/children	12
Retired	18
Registered unemployed	1
Unemployed but not registered	1
Student	2
Other	1

Occupation of Chief Income Earner (CIE)
Position/rank/grade

Industry/type of company

Qualifications/degrees/apprenticeship

No of Staff Responsible for

PROBE FOR PENSION	%
AB	21
C1	38
C2	19
D	16
E	7

QA Are you or other members of your household employed by a council? IF YES: Is this a Borough/District Council or a County Council?
CODE FOR BOTH RESPONDENT AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

	Respondent	Other
	%	%
Yes:		
Borough/District	-	-
County	4	4
Don't know which	-	-
No	95	90
Don't know	1	6

Tenure	%
Owned outright	19
Buying on mortgage	52
Rented from Council	14
Rented from Housing Association	2
Rented from private landlord	8
Other	5

QB Is this your main permanent home, or is it a second or holiday home?

	%
Main/permanent	99
Second/holiday	1

Car in Household
CIRCLE NUMBER

0 1 2 3+

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INTERVIEWER DECLARATION: I confirm that I have conducted this interview face-to-face with the above named person and that I have asked all the relevant questions fully and recorded the answers in conformance with the survey specification and the MRS Code of Conduct.

Interviewer Name Signature

Interviewer Number					1
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Month Date

DATE OF INTERVIEW				
	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)

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29/32

Good morning/afternoon/evening. I'm from MORI, the market research and polling organisation. We are doing a survey about local issues, and I would like to ask you a few questions.

ASK ALL

Q1 Firstly, how long have you lived in this area? (WITHIN FIVE MILES)

	%
Less than 1 year	5
1-2 years.....	4
3-5 years.....	7
6-10 years.....	25
11-20 years.....	22
Over 20 years/all my life	36
Don't know/can't remember	1

Q2 SHOWCARD A (R) From this card, how much would you say you know about local councils and the services they provide?

	%
A great deal.....	3
A fair amount	31
Not very much	57
Nothing at all	9
Don't know	1

Q3 SHOWCARD B (R) Which of the statements on this card comes closest to your own view of the Councils in this area?

	%
A) I'm not interested in what the Council does, or whether they do their job.....	2
B) I'm not interested in what the Council does, as long as they do their job	19
C) I like to know what the Council is doing, but I'm happy to let them get on with their job	58
D) I would like to have more of a say in what the Council does and the services it provides.....	18
E) I already work for, or am involved with the Council and the services it provides	3
Don't know	*

Q4 From what you know, how many councils provide the main services in this neighbourhood? (INTERVIEWER - NOT INCLUDING PARISH COUNCILS)

	%
One	18
Two	49
Three+	5
Don't know	28

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In fact there are two main councils that provide, or are responsible for most services in this area: Huntingdonshire District and Cambridgeshire County Council.

ROTATE ORDER OF Q5/6

- Q5 SHOWCARD C (R) From this list, what services do you think are the responsibility of Huntingdonshire District Council? Just read out the letter(s) that apply
- Q6 SHOWCARD C AGAIN (R) And which services on this list do you think are the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council? Again, just read out the letters that apply.
- Q7 SHOWCARD D (R) Which, if any, of these services do you or members of your family use? INCLUDE ONLY LOCAL USE

	Q5 Huntingdonshire %	Q6 County %	Q7 Use %
A Bus Services	35.....	36.....	33
B Car Parks	61.....	20.....	71
C Council Housing.....	69.....	17.....	12
D Council Tax Benefit/Housing benefit	50.....	32.....	17
E Fire service	23.....	52.....	41
F Food safety	20.....	36.....	15
G Household waste sites/dumps	61.....	19.....	62
H Libraries.....	25.....	55.....	66
I Parks, playgrounds and open spaces	53.....	20.....	52
J Planning service.....	48.....	33.....	21
K Public conveniences	56.....	12.....	31
L Recycling/bottle banks	55.....	13.....	59
M Refuse collection	70.....	13.....	76
N Road maintenance	37.....	55.....	36
O Schools/education.....	17.....	66.....	35
P Social services	21.....	57.....	19
Q Street sweeping.....	70.....	12.....	37
R Swimming pools/sports facilities	47.....	27.....	50
Other.....	1.....	1.....	3
None of these	*	*	*
Don't know.....	11.....	15.....	10

- Q8 SHOWCARD E (R) As you may know, there is currently a review being undertaken by the Local Government Commission on the future local government structure in the county. How much, if anything, would you say you know about this?

	%
A great deal.....	2
A fair amount	12
Just a little	42
Heard of but know nothing about	19
Never heard of.....	25

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PREFERENCES

HAND OVER MAP SHOWING AREAS UNDER REVIEW AND "CURRENT SERVICES" CARD
 The Local Government Commission is considering options for the future structure
 of local government in parts of Cambridgeshire. Could you please read through
 this card, (SHOW OPTIONS CARD) which outlines the options.

Q9 Please tell me which of the options, if either, you would prefer for each of Peterborough and Huntingdonshire?

CODE ONE ONLY FOR EACH DISTRICT

For Peterborough

	%
Option A (single all purpose council)	28
Option B (stay the same/status quo)	28
Some other option.....	1

Neither of these.....	1
Either of these/don't mind	8
Don't care	13
Don't know	22

For Huntingdonshire

	%
Option A (stay the same/status quo)	47
Option B (single all purpose council)	40
Some other option.....	1

Neither of these.....	*
Either of these/don't mind	2
Don't care	2
Don't know	8

ASK IF "OTHER" NAMED FOR Huntingdonshire AT Q9 (CODE 3)

**Q10 What other option is that for Huntingdonshire?
 PROBE FULLY - DO NOT PROMPT.**

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ASK ALL PREFERRING AN OPTION (1, 2 OR 3 AT Q9). OTHERS GO TO Q13

Q11 SHOWCARD F (R) You say that the option you would prefer for Huntingdonshire is (INSERT OPTION PREFERRED). How strongly would you say you feel about this?

	%
Very strongly	22
Fairly strongly	47
Not very strongly	24
Not at all strongly	3
Don't know	4

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**Q12 What do you think would be the main advantages of . . .(OPTION PREFERRED)
PROBE FULLY FOR DETAILS**

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.....

Nothing.....
Don't know/can't think of anything.....

ATTITUDES TO PROPOSALS

SHOWCARD G (R) Imagine that there was one council in Huntingdonshire, providing all services. I am going to read out some statements that people have made about this proposal. To what extent do you agree or disagree that? READ OUT, ROTATE ORDER OF ASKING Q13-22. TICK START

	Strongly agree %	Tend to agree %	Neither/ Nor %	Tend to disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Don't know %
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READ OUT:

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|------------------------------|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q13 | It would cost more overall | 4 | 25 | 11 | 37 | 3 | 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q14 | It would be more in touch with local people's needs | 23 | 41 | 8 | 21 | 4 | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q15 | The single Council would be more efficient than the current system of two Councils | 15 | 35 | 10 | 29 | 3 | 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q16 | The single council would not be big enough to manage services such as Education and Social Services effectively | 9 | 34 | 8 | 34 | 5 | 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q17 | It would better reflect the sense of community in Huntingdonshire | 18 | 45 | 9 | 22 | 3 | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q18 | We need a County Council to represent us nationally | 10 | 48 | 14 | 15 | 2 | 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q19 | Services would suffer if the County Council no longer provides services in Huntingdonshire | 6 | 43 | 10 | 27 | 5 | 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q20 | It won't affect me whether there is a single Council in Huntingdonshire or not | 4 | 32 | 14 | 33 | 13 | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q21 | The change to a single Council for Huntingdonshire would be too disruptive | 8 | 30 | 12 | 35 | 6 | 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q22 | With a single Council it would be clearer who is responsible for local services | 29 | 45 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 2 |

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ASK LAST

Q23 I would like to have more information on the proposals before making up my mind 25 35 12 17 7 5

Q24 On balance, which would you say is more in touch with local people and issues, (ROTATE ORDER OF "DISTRICT" AND COUNTY)
 Huntingdonshire District Council, or Cambridgeshire County Council, or would you say that they are both about the same?

	%
Huntingdonshire District Council.....	57
Cambridgeshire County Council	6
Both about the same	26
Don't know	11

REFER BACK TO Q8. ASK ALL WHO HAVE HEARD OF REVIEW AT Q8 (IE CODES 1/2/3/4). OTHERS TO Q28

Q25 SHOWCARD H Earlier in the interview, you said that you had heard of the Review of local government structure. From which, if any, of the sources shown on this card have you recently heard about the Review? INTERVIEWER NOTE: "RECENTLY" = IN PAST 3 MONTHS

Base: 234

	%
A Leaflet from County Council delivered to your door.....	26
B Leaflet from County Council in library/ offices, etc.....	10
C Advertisement from County Council in local newspaper.....	12
D Advertisement from County Council on local radio/TV ..	3
E Leaflet from Borough Council delivered to your door	7
F Leaflet from Borough Council in library/ offices, etc.....	1
G Borough Council newspaper	1
H County Council newspaper	1
I Advertisement from Borough Council in local newspaper	6
J Advertisement from Borough Council on local radio/TV	2
K Advertisement by the Commission on local radio	1
L Local Government Commission advertisement in local newspaper	3
M Local newspaper	57
N National newspaper	8
O TV	14
P Local radio.....	13
Q National radio.....	4
R Friends/neighbours/family	7
S Conversation with Borough Councillor	3
T Conversation with County Councillor.....	3
U Conversation with Borough Council staff.....	-
V Conversation with County Council staff	2
W Parish/community council.....	5
X Residents' Association.....	1
Other	7
None of these	9
Don't know	5

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ASK ALL NAMING A SOURCE AT Q25. OTHERS GO TO Q28

Q26 **Would you say that the information you have received has influenced your opinion, or not?**

Base: 202

	%
Yes.....	30
No	68
Don't know	2

Q27 **What information in particular has influenced your opinion?**

.....

ASK ALL

Q28 **SHOWCARD I (R) Assuming you receive the same level of services, how important is it to you, if at all, what the final decision is on the future local government structure in Huntingdonshire?**

	%
Very important.....	19
Fairly important	46
Not very important	26
Not at all important	7
Don't know	1

ACTIVISM

Q29 **SHOWCARD J Which of the things on this list, if any, have you done in the last three years? Just read out the letter(s) that apply.**

	%
A Voted in Local Council elections.....	75
B Spoken or written to a local Councillor	35
C Responded to the earlier Review of local government .	10
D Been to a meeting of a local committee or organisation (WRITE IN NAME OF ORGANISATION)...	20
E Spoken on a radio phone-in about a local issue	1
F Written to a local newspaper about a local issue	4
G Been to a meeting of a local branch of a political party	5
H Written to your MP about a local issue	16
I Been to a Council Committee meeting	4
J Been to a Council meeting	4
K Attended a public meeting run by the Council	16
None of these	19
Don't know/refused	-

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Q30 SHOWCARD K Which, if any, of these apply to you? Just read out the letter(s) that apply.

I am a member of:		%
A	Residents' Association	4
B	Community Association.....	7
C	Tenants' Association.....	1
D	Neighbourhood Watch	30
E	PTA/school governors	8
I do unpaid work for:		
F	A school.....	15
G	Citizens Advice Bureau.....	*
H	Volunteer Bureau.....	3
I	Scouts/Guides/Cubs/Brownies	5
J	Church group	8
	Other.....	3
	None of these	53
	Don't know.....	1

THANK RESPONDENT. GO TO DEMOGRAPHICS.

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MORI/9101/01
(1-6)CAMBRIDGESHIRE
REVIEW: PeterboroughSerial No
OUO (7-10)

Name/Initials/Title

Address

Telephone: Yes 1
(11)
Number (inc STD code)

Postcode.....

No 2

Sample Point

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(12) (13) (14) (15) (16)

Gender	%
Male	48
Female	52

Number in Household

Adults aged 18+ (inc. respondent)

1 2 3 4 5+

Age	%
18-21	15
25-34	22
35-44	17
45-54	16
55-64	14
65-74	10
75+	7

Children (17 or under)

0 1 2 3 4+

WRITE IN AGE

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Work Status	%
Full-time (30 hrs/wk+)	48
Part-time (8-29 hrs/wk)	13
Not working (under 8 hrs)	2
Looking after home/children	7
Retired	19
Registered unemployed	6
Unemployed but not registered	2
Student	1
Other	1

Occupation of Chief Income Earner (CIE)
Position/rank/grade

Industry/type of company

Qualifications/degrees/apprenticeship

No of Staff Responsible for

PROBE FOR PENSION

	%
AB	17
C1	25
C2	18
D	19
E	20

CODE FOR BOTH RESPONDENT AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Respondent Other

%	%
Yes:	
Borough/District	1
County	5
Don't know which	*
No	92
Don't know	1

Tenure	%
Owned outright	19
Buying on mortgage	45
Rented from Council	21
Rented from Housing Association	5
Rented from private landlord	7
Other	3

QB Is this your main permanent home, or is it a second or holiday home?

%	
Main/permanent	99
Second/holiday	1

Car in Household

CIRCLE NUMBER

0 1 2 3+

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Interviewer Number				/	
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Month Date

DATE OF INTERVIEW					
	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	

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ASK ALL

Q1 Firstly, how long have you lived in this area? (WITHIN FIVE MILES)

	%
Less than 1 year	2
1-2 years	7
3-5 years	12
6-10 years	17
11-20 years	22
Over 20 years/all my life	40
Don't know/can't remember	-

Q2 SHOWCARD A (R) From this card, how much would you say you know about local councils and the services they provide?

	%
A great deal	1
A fair amount	27
Not very much	51
Nothing at all	18
Don't know	3

Q3 SHOWCARD B (R) Which of the statements on this card comes closest to your own view of the Councils in this area?

	%
A) I'm not interested in what the Council does, or whether they do their job	4
B) I'm not interested in what the Council does, as long as they do their job	16
C) I like to know what the Council is doing, but I'm happy to let them get on with their job	60
D) I would like to have more of a say in what the Council does and the services it provides	16
E) I already work for, or am involved with the Council and the services it provides	2
Don't know	1

Q4 From what you know, how many councils provide the main services in this neighbourhood? (INTERVIEWER - NOT INCLUDING PARISH COUNCILS)

	%
One	29
Two	26
Three+	5
Don't know	40

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In fact there are two main councils that provide, or are responsible for most services in this area: Peterborough City and Cambridgeshire County Council.

ROTATE ORDER OF Q5/6

- Q5 SHOWCARD C (R) From this list, what services do you think are the responsibility of Peterborough City Council? Just read out the letter(s) that apply
- Q6 SHOWCARD C AGAIN (R) And which services on this list do you think are the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council? Again, just read out the letters that apply.
- Q7 SHOWCARD D (R) Which, if any, of these services do you or members of your family use? INCLUDE ONLY LOCAL USE

	Q5 Peterborough %	Q6 County %	Q7 Use %
A Bus Services	41.....	15.....	48
B Car Parks	57.....	11.....	62
C Council Housing.....	60.....	15.....	19
D Council Tax Benefit/Housing benefit	48.....	22.....	23
E Fire service	17.....	50.....	24
F Food safety	32.....	27.....	10
G Household waste sites/dumps	52.....	16.....	46
H Libraries.....	24.....	48.....	59
I Parks, playgrounds and open spaces	52.....	19.....	61
J Planning service.....	33.....	33.....	6
K Public conveniences	52.....	13.....	39
L Recycling/bottle banks	49.....	11.....	40
M Refuse collection	60.....	11.....	87
N Road maintenance	29.....	42.....	30
O Schools/education.....	15.....	56.....	39
P Social services	18.....	50.....	9
Q Street sweeping.....	58.....	13.....	34
R Swimming pools/sports facilities	47.....	20.....	48
Other.....	1.....	1.....	3
None of these	1.....	2.....	*
Don't know.....	19.....	27.....	1

- Q8 SHOWCARD E (R) As you may know, there is currently a review being undertaken by the Local Government Commission on the future local government structure in the county. How much, if anything, would you say you know about this?

	%
A great deal.....	2
A fair amount	11
Just a little	27
Heard of but know nothing about	17
Never heard of.....	43

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Q9 Please tell me which of the options, if either, you would prefer for each of
Peterborough and Huntingdonshire?
CODE ONE ONLY FOR EACH DISTRICT

For Peterborough %
Option A (single all purpose council) 40
Option B (stay the same/status quo) 40
Some other option..... *

Neither of these..... *
Either of these/don't mind 5
Don't care 2
Don't know 12

For Huntingdonshire %
Option A (stay the same/status quo) 27
Option B (single all purpose council) 21
Some other option..... 1

Neither of these..... 1
Either of these/don't mind 15
Don't care 6
Don't know 28

Q10 ASK IF "OTHER" NAMED FOR Peterborough AT Q9 (CODE 3)
What other option is that for Peterborough?
PROBE FULLY - DO NOT PROMPT.

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Q11 ASK ALL PREFERRING AN OPTION (1, 2 OR 3 AT Q9). OTHERS GO TO Q13
SHOWCARD F (R) You say that the option you would prefer for Peterborough is
..... (INSERT OPTION PREFERRED). How strongly would you say you feel
about this?

%
Very strongly..... 22
Fairly strongly 50
Not very strongly 23
Not at all strongly 4
Don't know 1

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- Q12 What do you think would be the main advantages of . . .(OPTION PREFERRED)
PROBE FULLY FOR DETAILS**

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Nothing.....
Don't know/can't think of anything.....

ATTITUDES TO PROPOSALS

SHOWCARD G (R) Imagine that there was one council in Peterborough providing all services. I am going to read out some statements that people have made about this proposal. To what extent do you agree or disagree that . . .? READ OUT, ROTATE ORDER OF ASKING Q13-22. TICK START

	Strongly agree %	Tend to agree %	Neither/ Nor %	Tend to disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Don't know %
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READ OUT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Q13	It would cost more overall	15	24	11	24	7	19
Q14	It would be more in touch with local people's needs	30	41	6	12	4	7
Q15	The single Council would be more efficient than the current system of two Councils	19	31	13	17	7	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Q16	The single council would not be big enough to manage services such as Education and Social Services effectively	12	23	11	26	8	19
Q17	It would better reflect the sense of community in Peterborough	27	39	6	16	4	7
Q18	We need a County Council to represent us nationally	10	32	14	22	5	16
<input type="checkbox"/> Q19	Services would suffer if the County Council no longer provides services in Peterborough	12	26	11	31	7	13
Q20	It won't affect me whether there is a single Council in Peterborough or not.	9	23	9	36	15	8
Q21	The change to a single Council for Peterborough would be too disruptive	11	23	11	33	8	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Q22	With a single Council it would be clearer who is responsible for local services	45	41	5	6	*	3

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ASK LAST

Q23 I would like to have
more information on the
proposals before making
up my mind 35 33 7 10 13 2

Q24 On balance, which would you say is more in touch with local people and
issues, (ROTATE ORDER OF "DISTRICT" AND COUNTY)
Peterborough City Council, or
Cambridgeshire County Council, or would you say that they are both about
the same?

	%
Peterborough City Council	52
Cambridgeshire County Council	1
Both about the same	29
Don't know	18

REFER BACK TO Q8. ASK ALL WHO HAVE HEARD OF REVIEW AT Q8 (IE CODES 1/2/3/4). OTHERS TO Q28

Q25 SHOWCARD H Earlier in the interview, you said that you had heard of the
Review of local government structure. From which, if any, of the sources
shown on this card have you recently heard about the Review? INTERVIEWER
NOTE: "RECENTLY" = IN PAST 3 MONTHS

Base: 181

	%
A Leaflet from County Council delivered to your door	16
B Leaflet from County Council in library/ offices, etc	3
C Advertisement from County Council in local newspaper	7
D Advertisement from County Council on local radio/TV ..	2
E Leaflet from City Council delivered to your door	12
F Leaflet from City Council in library/ offices, etc	2
G City Council newspaper	5
H County Council newspaper	-
I Advertisement from City Council in local newspaper	5
J Advertisement from City Council on local radio/TV	1
K Advertisement by the Commission on local radio	1
L Local Government Commission advertisement in local newspaper	3
M Local newspaper	68
N National newspaper	8
O TV	18
P Local radio	15
Q National radio	5
R Friends/neighbours/family	20
S Conversation with City Councillor	2
T Conversation with County Councillor	-
U Conversation with City Council staff	1
V Conversation with County Council staff	1
W Parish/community council	1
X Residents' Association	1
Other	8
None of these	1
Don't know	4

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ASK ALL NAMING A SOURCE AT Q25. OTHERS GO TO Q28

Q26 **Would you say that the information you have received has influenced your opinion, or not?**

Base: 172

	%
Yes.....	25
No	62
Don't know	13

Q27 **What information in particular has influenced your opinion?**

.....

ALL

Q28 **SHOWCARD I (R) Assuming you receive the same level of services, how important is it to you, if at all, what the final decision is on the future local government structure in Peterborough?**

	%
Very important.....	24
Fairly important	43
Not very important	19
Not at all important	6
Don't know	8

ACTIVISM

Q29 **SHOWCARD J Which of the things on this list, if any, have you done in the last three years? Just read out the letter(s) that apply.**

	%
A Voted in Local Council elections	68
B Spoken or written to a local Councillor	28
C Responded to the earlier Review of local government ...	6
D Been to a meeting of a local committee or organisation (WRITE IN NAME OF ORGANISATION)....	7
E Spoken on a radio phone-in about a local issue	2
F Written to a local newspaper about a local issue	5
G Been to a meeting of a local branch of a political party	3
H Written to your MP about a local issue	6
I Been to a Council Committee meeting	2
J Been to a Council meeting	2
K Attended a public meeting run by the Council	5
None of these	25
Don't know/refused	1

Huntingdonshire & Peterborough

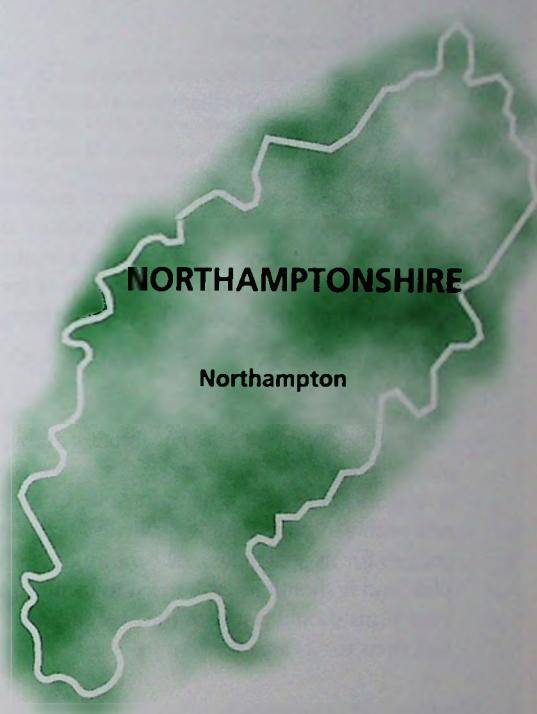
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Q30 SHOWCARD K Which, if any, of these apply to you? Just read out the letter(s) that apply.

I am a member of:		%
A	Residents' Association	5
B	Community Association.....	2
C	Tenants' Association.....	2
D	Neighbourhood Watch	16
E	PTA/school governors	3
I do unpaid work for:		
F	A school.....	8
G	Citizens Advice Bureau.....	1
H	Volunteer Bureau.....	2
I	Scouts/Guides/Cubs/Brownies	2
J	Church group.....	5
	Other.....	4
	None of these	64
	Don't know.....	1

THANK RESPONDENT. GO TO DEMOGRAPHICS.

CHAPTER 9



NORTHAMPTON IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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